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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: GOI HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT, CONSISTENT WITH ITS POSITION LAST YEAR, IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION PRG IN LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL DJAJADININGRAT FEBRUARY 3 ON LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD UNDERSTOOD EARLIER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT SUPPORT RECONSIDERATION OF PRG ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE BUT WAS NO DISTURBED TO HEAR THAT INDONESIAN POSITION MAY BE DIFFERENT.

3. DJAJADININGRAT SAID INDONESIAN POSITION REMAINS IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF LAST YEAR, NAMELY: AS A PARTY OF ARMED CONFLICT PRG ON HUMANITARIAN MEASURES WHICH COULD BE APPLICABLE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFLICT. INDONESIA WOULD NOT TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORT PRG BUT WHEN CALLED UPON TO VOTE WOULD VOTE FOR PRG INCLUSION.

4. AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER INDONESIA HAD TAKEN POSITION

ON ALGERIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WENT BEYOND MERE QUESTION OF ADMISSION AND REFERRED TO QUOTE TWO GOVERNMENTS EXISTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM. UNQUOTE AMBASSADOR REMINDED DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT INDONESIA HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED GIVING GOVERNMENTAL STATUS TO PRG. DJAJADIINGRAT AGREED THAT THIS WAS GOI POSITION; SAID HE HAD NOT YET SEEN ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND SAID THAT IF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION CAME IN THIS FORM, INDONESIA WOULD MAKE QUOTE UN-EQUIVOCALLY CLEAR UNQUOTE ITS POSITION THAT, WHILE IT FAVORED PRG PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE, IT DID NOT RECOGNIZE PRG AS GOVERNMENT.

5. ON QUESTION OF APPLICATION OF RULE 32, DJAJDININGRAT SAID INDONESIA WOULD NOT SUPPORT APPLICATION THIS RULE SINCE GOI FAVORS PARTICIPATION PRG.

6. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT U.S. HAD GRAVE DOUBTS THAT INCLUSION OF PRG WOULD IN ANY WAY INCREASE PRG INTEREST IN HUMANITARIAN RULES. WE REGARDED PRG EFFORT AS ENTIRELY ONE DESIGNED TO INCREASE ITS INTERNATIONAL STANDING. DIRECTOR GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND SAID INDONESIA WELL AWARE OF GENERAL CAMPAIGN BUT CONSIDERED THIS CONFERENCE SPECIAL CASE. IN OTHER CONFERENCES, SUCH AS WMO, INDONESIA WOULD ABSTAIN ON PRG QUESTION.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS MALIK LEFT INSTRUCTIONS ALONG FOREGOING LINES EVEN BEFORE DEPARTING FOR RECENT OPEC MEETING IN ALGERIA. INDICATIONS WE HAVE HAD OF CONTRARY POSITION WERE IN ERROR. INDONESIA'S RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA AND WITH THIRD WORLD IN GENERAL UNDOUBTEDLY ARE FACTORS IN RELUCATANCE TO CHANGE BASIC POSITION FROM LAST YEAR. WE SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY EITHER WE OR RVN CAN PERSUADE THEM TO CHANGE.
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